

**County of Hawai'i  
FCC Waiver Request**

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**APPENDIX A**

**County of Hawai'i  
Letters of Support for a Waiver**

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14 September, 2011

To: Federal Communications Commission  
Gettysburg, PA 17325

As the Statewide Interoperability Coordinator (SWIC) for Hawai'i I fully support Hawai'i County's request for a waiver to use wideband (25 kHz) frequencies beyond the 1 January, 2013 narrowbanding deadline. As part of my SWIC duties, I advise all public safety entities in the state on their use of FCC frequencies and licensing. I have a good understanding of who is using the public safety portions of the Part 90 frequencies and who has plans to use them in the near future.

There are four local jurisdictions in Hawai'i, our four counties. Hawai'i County has the oldest primary public safety radio system operated by those jurisdictions. They have diligently been working on the acquisition of a replacement system, but will not be able to have it in place by 2013. As they do have a plan in place and a solid implementation schedule, a waiver for them is certainly in order.

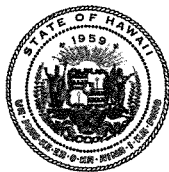
The unique geographical location of Hawai'i County limits the public safety radio users that may be affected by VHF wideband radio use in, or near the county. The only licensed public safety users of VHF frequencies in the county are the County of Hawai'i and the State of Hawai'i. The only adjacent jurisdiction is the County of Maui, which is separated from the County of Hawai'i by over 29 miles of the Pacific Ocean at its nearest point. These are the only public safety jurisdictions that will possibly be affected by Hawai'i County's waiver.

The County of Hawai'i has recently developed a detailed Request for Proposals to build out a replacement radio system. The new system will be narrowband and P25 digital. They have been developing this RFP for a number of years and finally have it done at the right scale and budget. They are committed to the narrowbanding effort, but need just a little more time.

Although the state will eventually make use of the advantages that narrowbanding will bring to VHF in the County of Hawai'i, they have no plans to implement any new VHF channels or systems in the near future. As the Hawai'i SWIC I fully support the County of Hawai'i request for a waiver of Part 90.209 of the FCC Rules until Spring of 2014.

  
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October 5, 2011

Federal Communications Commission  
Gettysburg, PA 17325

Dear Sir:

Subject: STATEMENT OF SUPPORT – Hawai'i County Narrowband Waiver

The State of Hawai'i, Department of Accounting and General Services, Information and Communications Services Division (ICSD), fully supports Hawai'i County's request for a waiver to continue use of wideband VHF frequencies beyond the January 1, 2013 FCC deadline. Hawai'i County has the oldest primary public safety radio system in Hawai'i. They have diligently been working on the acquisition of a replacement system, but will be unable to have it in place by 2013. As they currently have a plan in place and a solid implementation schedule, we feel that supporting them in obtaining a waiver is in order.

The ICSD holds the FCC licenses for agencies within the State of Hawai'i, represents all radio users in state government, and advises the county governments on public safety land mobile radio use and frequencies in the State of Hawai'i. The unique geographical location of Hawai'i County limits the public safety radio users that may be affected by VHF wideband radio use in or near the County. The only licensed public safety users of VHF frequencies in the County are the County of Hawai'i and the State of Hawai'i. The only adjacent jurisdiction is the County of Maui, which is separated from the County of Hawai'i by over 29 miles of the Pacific Ocean at its nearest point. These are the only public safety jurisdictions that will possibly be affected by a Hawai'i County waiver.

Although ICSD will eventually make use of the advantages that narrowbanding will bring to radio operations by the County of Hawai'i, we are willing to postpone using those advantages to ensure that the County can continue public safety operations until their new system is completely operational. The State of Hawai'i fully supports the County of Hawai'i's request for a waiver of Part 90.209 of the FCC Rules until Q2, 2013.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Coppa", written over the printed name and title.

BRUCE A. COPPA  
State Comptroller



**ALAN M. ARAKAWA**

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Federal Communications Commission  
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Re: Hawai'i County Narrowband Waiver

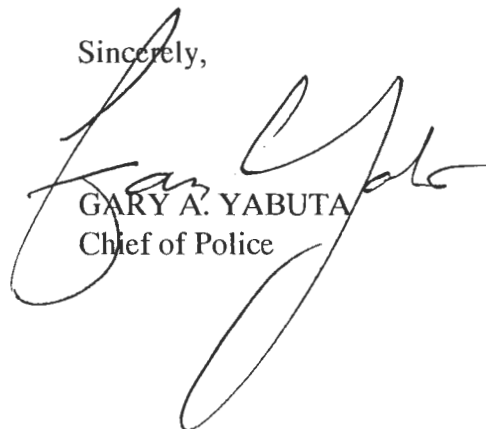
To Whom It May Concern:

The County of Maui supports Hawai'i County's request for a narrowband waiver that would allow them to continue use of their wideband public safety VHF frequencies beyond the FCC imposed January 1, 2013 deadline. Hawai'i County has diligently been working on the acquisition of a replacement LMR system, but will not have it in place and fully operational before the deadline.

The Island of Maui is separated from the Island of Hawai'i by approximately 29 miles of Pacific Ocean. We do not anticipate any negative impact, should a waiver be granted to them.

The Maui County Police Department fully supports Hawai'i County's waiver request.

Sincerely,



**GARY A. YABUTA**  
Chief of Police